

I find the actions of Sinclair Broadcasting to be in direct conflict with the principles of equal time. To force their stations to air a documentary clearly attempting to discredit one of the candidates for the Presidency of the United States just days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge. Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest, but showing this partisan advertisement is not in the public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I urge you to put a stop to Sinclair's efforts and rule that they must either pull this partisan advertisement or offer equal time (no commercials, same hours, before the election) to the other candidate. Thank you.